## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below. The language being added is underlined ("___") and the language being deleted contains strikethrough ("—"):

1. – 15. (Canceled).

16. (New) A system for processing reservations, comprising:

a reservation processing unit located at an establishment and configured to track and process a customer reservation, the establishment utilizing reservations;

receiving means for receiving data transmitted via electromagnetic waves, the receiving means being operatively disposed with the reservation processing unit; and

a remote access unit having a memory configured to store customer identification information and a low-power transmitter adapted to transmit the customer identification information to the receiving means, the remote access unit further having a manually-operated transmit button and a controller, responsive to the transmit button, to controllably retrieve customer identification information from the memory and transmit the customer identification information from the low-power transmitter, the low-power transmitter configured to transmit at a level of power such that the receiving means is capable of receiving the customer identification information only when the low-power transmitter is within close proximity of the reservation processing unit.

17. (New) The system as defined in claim 16, wherein the establishment utilizing reservations is any one of: a restaurant, a parking lot, and a business location.

18. (New) The system as defined in claim 16, wherein the power of the low-power transmitter is adjusted such that the receiving means is capable of receiving the customer identification information while the transmitter is located in a parking lot of the establishment.

19. (New) The system as defined in claim 16, wherein the reservation processing unit is configured to accept the reservation through a network link.

20. (New) The system as defined in claim 16, wherein the reservation processing unit is configured to make the reservation upon the receiving means receiving the customer identification information from the low-power transmitter.

21. (New) The system as defined in claim 16, wherein the reservation processing unit is configured to bill charges to an account associated with the customer identification information upon the transmission of the customer identification information to the reservation processing unit.

22. (New) The system as defined in claim 16, further including a database having stored customer identification information, wherein the reservation processing unit is configured to verify that the customer identification information received by the receiving means is valid by accessing the database.

23. (New) The system as defined in claim 22, wherein the database is remotely accessed by the reservation processing unit through a network.

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24. (New) A method for processing reservations comprising the steps of:

receiving a transmitted low-power electromagnetic signal including customer identification information at a receiver located at an establishment utilizing reservations, the transmitted low-power electromagnetic signal generated by depressing a manually-operative transmit button of a remote access unit, and the power of the low-power electromagnetic signal adjusted such that the receiver is capable of receiving the customer identification information only when the remote access unit is within close proximity of the receiver;

retrieving the customer identification information from the transmitted low-power electromagnetic signal;

updating reservation information using the customer identification information; and

providing a notification that a customer has arrived at the establishment upon receiving the transmitted low-power electromagnetic signal.

25. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, further comprising

adjusting the power of a low-power transmitter in the remote access unit such that the receiver is capable of receiving the customer identification information while the transmitter is located in a parking lot of the establishment.

26. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, further comprising:

accepting a reservation at the establishment through a network link.

27. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, further comprising:

making reservations upon receiving the customer identification information in the low-power electromagnetic signal.

28. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, further comprising:

billing charges to an account associated with the customer identification information upon receiving the transmission of the customer identification information.

29. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, further comprising:

verifying that the received customer identification information is valid by accessing a database to retrieve stored customer identification information.

30. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, further comprising:

displaying the updated reservation information.

31. (New) A system for remotely processing reservations, comprising:

a reservation processing unit located at an establishment utilizing reservations, the reservation processing unit configured to receive customer identification information from a remote access unit having a memory configured to store customer identification information and a low-power transmitter adapted to transmit the customer identification information, the remote access unit further having a manually-operated transmit button and a controller, responsive to the transmit button, to controllably retrieve customer identification information from the memory and transmit the customer identification information from the low-power transmitter, the power of the low-power transmitter adjusted such that the reservation processing unit is capable of receiving the customer identification information only when the low-power transmitter is within close proximity of the reservation processing unit; and

receiving means associated with the reservation processing unit for receiving data transmitted via electromagnetic waves.

32. (New) A computer readable storage medium containing program code for controlling the operation of a system for providing remote processing of reservations, the system comprising:

a reservation processing unit located at an establishment utilizing reservations;

receiving means for receiving data transmitted via low-power electromagnetic waves; and

a remote access unit having a memory configured to store customer identification information and a low-power transmitter adapted to transmit the customer identification information to the receiving means, the remote access unit further having a manually-operated transmit button and a controller, responsive to the transmit button, to controllably retrieve customer identification information from the memory and transmit the customer identification information from the low-power transmitter, the power of the low-power transmitter adjusted such that the reservation processing unit is capable of receiving the customer identification information only when the low-power transmitter is within close proximity of the receiving means.